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# EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

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President's Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1965

FOR : THE CABINET  
AND AGENCY HEADS

FROM : Horace Busby  
Special Assistant to the President

ABOUT : Administration Policy on Executive Privilege

On April 2, 1965, the President advised the Honorable John E. Moss, Chairman of the Government Information Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operation, of the policy of the Administration with regard to claims of "executive privilege".

For your information and guidance, the text of the President's letter to Congressman Moss is reproduced below:

I have your recent letter discussing the use of the claim of "executive privilege" in connection with Congressional requests for documents and other information.

Since assuming the Presidency, I have followed the policy laid down by President Kennedy in his letter to you of March 7, 1962, dealing with this subject. Thus, the claim of "executive privilege" will continue to be made only by the President.

This administration has attempted to cooperate completely with the Congress in making available to it all information possible, and that will continue to be our policy.

I appreciate the time and energy that you and your Subcommittee have devoted to this subject and welcome the opportunity to state formally my policy on this important subject.

Sincerely,

s/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON